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REPORT
To Our Reader - Owners

RULE PARTLY BROKEN

The Chronicle is entitled to credit for fractionally breaking an unwritten rule of big newspaper proprietors. The unwritten rule is that one big newspaper proprietor never comments on the libel actions involving in any way another big newspaper proprietor.

Now, Fulton Lewis Jr. surely gets a large part of his ill gotten gains by writing his insufferably reactionary stuff in the Hearst papers. He also drips poison on radio.

Recently in the course of his routine radio poison-dripping he made the preposterous statement that Assemblyman Caspar W. Weinberger, Republican candidate for Attorney General, was the "Peoples World candidate for Attorney General."

Weinberger promptly threatened to bring a libel action, Lewis made a kind of a sort of a withdrawal of his remarks which withdrawal Weinberger declared unsatisfactory, and then—incredible!—the Chronicle commented editorially.

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THE TBFBNPWBBNPCS

Lewis' original statement about Weinberger, said the Chronicle, "was absurd to the point of imbecility," and went on to say sourly that "some commentators and columnists strive for accuracy and truth; others, with no responsibility, traffic in wild, loose, unverified rumor and gossip."

Note that the Chronicle lists Lewis as a "columnist." But as a columnist Lewis appears in the Examiner. So in our opinion the proprietor of the Chronicle is subject to a hearing before the Trial Board For Big Newspaper Proprietors Who Break Big Newspaper Proprietors Conspiracies of Silence (commonly, let us assume, known as the TBFBNPWBBNPCS!)

For by implication the Chronicle is helping to create the correct impression that the Hearst proprietorship, by featuring men such as Fulton Lewis and Westbrook Pegler is an uncivilized and dangerous proprietorship.

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MOSK OUR CANDIDATE

The malicious remark might be added that we're glad to see Fulton Lewis libeling a Republican for a change. Usually he's fouling a Democrat.

And incidentally, with all due respect to Mr. Weinberger, our own candidate for Attorney General is Stanley Mosk.

THOMAS L. PITTS and C. J. "Neil" Haggerty, president and secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, have announced formation of a Statewide labor committee supporting the candidacy of Governor Goodwin J. Knight for the United States Senate.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

RW sustains private deal against pact

Under a "right to work" law the courts enforce the "right" of the employer and an individual workman to make and carry out an agreement which is in direct violation of the collective bargaining agreement between the employer and the union to which the workman belongs.

That is the fact which emerges from the injunction issued by Judge Gordon W. Rice of Nevada forbidding Sheet Metal Workers 26 of Reno from continuing their strike against the Washoe Sheet Metal Co.

The case, in which the San Francisco law firm headed by Mathew Tobriner represented the union, is attracting alarmed attention from California unionists facing the possibility of a "right to work" law being adopted in November.

Here's what happened.

A journeyman member of the union, employed by the Washoe Sheet Metal Co., informed Stanley P. Jones, business representative of Local 26, that the owner of the sheet metal concern had called him into the office and issued him an ultimatum.

The owner alleged that an apprentice had installed faulty work and that unless the journeyman corrected the work on his own time without remuneration, he would be fired and the cost of correcting the work would be taken out of time the journeyman had coming "under the 2 days wages may be withheld clause in the standard form of union agreement."

The journeymen, although protesting, submitted to the ultimatum and did the work for nothing.

When the business representative informed the employer that this was in violation of the collective bargaining agreement between the employer and the union, the shop's owner merely laughed.

Appeal was then taken by the union to the joint adjustment board as established under the standard form of union agreement, but the employers half of the board insisted they were powerless to make the shop owner make restitution even if his action had been wrong.

The union then struck the plant. The owner of the plant went to court. Business Representative Jones of Local 26 says that "at the opening of court Judge Rice informed our attorney he would throw the case out

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Dance will honor Candidate Cohelan

A Cohelan for Congress dance will be held at the Ali Baba, Grand Avenue at Webster Street, Oakland, Thursday, May 22, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The dance is held in honor of Jeffery Cohelan, Berkeley City Councilman, secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers 302, who is the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 7th District.

Admission is $3 per couple.



SURPLUS FOOD just doesn't occur in the cupboards of these people in the picture the way it does with the employed—you know, leftovers after a fine meal. No, if these St. Louis unemployed folk want any "surplus food" they have to go down to the surplus food distribution place run by the Government and register for it. Registration scene shows the jobless giving the required information to volunteer workers at registration desks. Many reported they had been without jobs since July and were living day by day.

BTC endorses school tax rise in Oakland June 3rd

The Building Trades Council at its meeting this week endorsed the permissive rise in the Oakland school tax which comes before the voters at the June 3 primary.

Larry Kessell, Painters 127, pointed out that this is the same measure, to make it possible to increase the tax by $1.12 per $100 of assessed valuation, which was defeated in the February 18 special election. On that day there were heavy rains, and a light vote.

Kessell said that the BTC supported the measure then, after careful study of it, and that certainly it should be supported now. The motion to endorse passed.

It was explained that the Board of Education does not intend to avail itself immediately of the entire increase if it carries, but that some of the proposed increase is needed immediately. Otherwise, very drastic cuts in personnel and service will become necessary.

STRIKE SANCTION

Strike sanction was granted Laborers 304 against the American Pipe & Construction Company of Alvarado.

Jay Johnson of Local 304 explained that the contract expired April 30, that the company had made an offer which the membership had turned down, and that fact action was needed. He asked the cooperation of other crafts.

A meeting of company negotiators and union representatives with the State Conciliation Service had been held, but resulted in a stalemate. Another meeting, without a State Conciliation Service representative, was being held.

Johnson said that while the negotiations were in progress, the company had circulated among its employees "right to

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NOMINATIONS FOR PLACE ON CLC BOARD MAY 12

The Central Labor Council at its meeting Monday, May 12, will receive nominations for the place on the executive committee made vacant by the death of Al Fineman of the IUE; the election will be held at the next meeting after that.

Negro unionists meeting Wednesday, May 14, to oppose 'right to work'

A group of Negro trade unionists forming a committee to fight the "right to work" initiative will meet at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 14.

The committee will endeavor to inform the Negro community of the dangers to trade unionism and to the standard of living which the union-busting compulsory open shop scheme involves.

2 oldtime Millmen have passed away

Two oldtime members of Millmen 550 died recently: A. P. Joyner and Henry Coors.

Joyner, says Financial Secretary E. H. Ovenberg, was a member for some fifty years. Recently he had lived in Chico. Coors also had been a member for many years.

Knowland's labor bills fight starts

The battle began in the U. S. Senate this week over Senator Knowland's bills regulating labor unions.

Senator John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) began three weeks of hearings on not only Knowland's proposals, but those of the Administration, of Senator McClellan, and others.

But it was the Knowland maneuvers recently, when the bill regulating pension and welfare funds was being considered, which was believed to have precipitated the hearings this week. Knowland kept trying to tack on his bills as amendments to the pension and welfare bill, and finally won a pledge that hearings would begin on his proposals.

The pension and welfare fund bill was approved by labor, but it was assumed by all observers that this week's hearings launch the real controversy.

Knowland and McClellan testified at the start of this week's hearing that Congress has a duty to act this year, as the Associated Press reported it, "against corruption and other unsavory conditions in some labor unions."

Failure to act, and to act this year, declared Knowland, "will stand as a permanent indictment of the record of the 85th Congress."

Knowland said the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee, headed by Senator McClellan of Arkansas, has produced "uncontested evidence of widespread corruption, arrogance and

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Exclude Negroes, says GOP foe of Cong. Geo. P. Miller

The Confederacy has moved north and wrapped in the banner of the GOP is trying to capture the 8th Congressional District.

Alfred Nelson, Republican, has filed as a Republican and cross-filed for the Democratic nomination in the 8th District. This is the district now represented by Congressman George P. Miller, Democrat.

Nelson announces in a newspaper ad that he proposes to "amend the Constitution so that white people can exclude colored people from their neighborhood."

The ad goes on to quote him as saying: "Every white person desiring to live apart from colored people should have a legal right to do so."

In another ad Nelson proposes to "amend the Constitution so that the Federal Courts will be required to stop interfering with schools in the Southern States."

Nor is that the only job of tinkering with the Constitution that Nelson wishes to do. For he wishes to "amend the Fifth Amendment to prevent it from protecting Communists. Compel them to testify as to their Communistic activities."

HOW TO BUY

Read the guarantees!

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Recently George Young, Cincinnati Better Business Bureau president, told a meeting of appliance sellers that most complaints from the public about appliances arise from "poor quality control at the factories, non-performance or begrudging honoring of warranties and guarantees and poor selling tactics". He voiced what many housewives have learned: "When a $300 fully-automatic washer with whistles and bells on it won't run properly, it's not as effective as the medieval practice of beating clothes on rocks".

Similarly, Arthur Startz, vice-president of the New York Better Business Bureau, reports that misunderstandings of guarantees and misleading or obscure representations, have become a major source of complaint. He says that incomplete statements, even in written guarantees, lead many people to think they have more protection than is actually the case.

Any guarantee is only as good as the company behind it. Thousands of mid-West families were stuck with faulty incinerators when the manufacturer went bankrupt. Another firm bought the manufacturer's assets, but not its guarantee liabilities. The Cleveland Better Business Bureau reported that the burner unit lasted only about three months and then had to be replaced at a cost of $12.50. The buyers' only recourse was a futile one: to sue for $12.50.

Verbal guarantees are not dependable, Startz warns. The salesman can claim he did not say what you say he did. Only a written guarantee is safe.

Read the guarantee to see what it actually covers. A blatant example of phony guarantees was shown to a New York Governor's Conference on Frauds, by Harry Gerber, president of the American National Jewelers Association. It read, "Unlimited Guarantee". But small print underneath said, "exclusive of parts".

"What does that mean?" Gerber asked. "That the guarantee is for the strap and buckle?"

"Lifetime" guarantees generally are meaningless. When such advertisers are pinned down, they explain they merely meant that the item is guaranteed for its own lifetime, not yours.

Not only "fringe" sellers, but even big manufacturers and dealers sometimes put limitations in their guarantees so that you don't have as much real protection as is sometimes advertised.

One woman found that her "twenty-year furnace warranty" stipulated that it was limited to the exchange of any defective parts, which had to be shipped to a distant factory charges prepaid.

Too, the much - advertised "five-year guarantee" on refrigerators applies to the compressor, not the entire refrigerator, Startz points out.

When you buy equipment, it's important to save the bill showing the purchase date. Manufacturers generally can tell from the serial number and condition of an appliance approximately when you bought it, but a dated receipt is extra protection if your picture tube or vacuum cleaner motor expires about the same time as the guarantee. Most authorized servicemen even are allowed to stretch the guarantee a month if the circumstances are reasonable, as when a thermostat or dryer develops trouble within a month after the guarantee period. In such case, you may have to pay only for the labor, not the part.

Dry cleaning her hair

Arriving on a still alarm, the crew of an engine company found a young woman sitting on a kitchen chair holding her painfully burned head from which nearly all the hair had been scorched.

While administering first aid, the officer learned that the woman had soaked her hair in kerosine in an effort to wash it, and finding it drying too slowly, had stuck it into a lighted oven to hasten the process.

Astounded, the fire officer asked her if she did this often.

"Oh no," she replied, "not always, only when I dry clean it."

—L. Vann in Oakland Fire News.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

WE KNEW it would happen! Every time there's a period of unemployment men begin writing letters to the dailies saying that what's needed is for the women to quit their jobs so the men can have the jobs and, presumably, support the little women in the style they're accustomed to.

So when this recession hove in sight, we knew those letters would begin appearing in the dailies. And pretty soon they did!

ANOTHER OLD IDEA cropped up in letters to the dailies when there began to be so much news about juvenile delinquency. This is the idea that the men should reassert themselves as the heads of their families. Then there'd be no nonsense: the kids would toe the line, and all would be well again.

There are arguments against women working at certain times and under certain conditions, which deserve serious consideration, just as there are good reasons why many fathers should take more interest in the rearing of their children than they do. But the coming of women into industry, and difficulties of rearing children in an age of unprecedently rapid change of conditions, are vast social phenomena which cannot be solved by these sloganeering devices.

OTHER OLD IDEAS that get a great run in times of recession are: Buy at Home, Hire at Home, and Raise the Tariff.

Buy at Home just now is replaced by plain Buy. Hire at Home is of course a wonderful bit of logic in any city that got its basic growth as a place where commuters lived who worked in another city. But as for Raise the Tariff, we assume that is absolutely indestructible. Logic cannot wither it, nor custom stale it.

31 beans per cup of coffee

There may be a lot of coffee in Brazil, but here at home coffee men are counting the number of beans that should be used to make the best cup of coffee.

Charles G. Lindsay, manager of the Pan-American Coffee Bureau, gave such a count recently for the National Coffee Association's convention in Boca Raton, Fla. He said: "When people make good full-flavored coffee at the rate of forty-six cups to the pound, they use thirty-one beans to the cup. However, surveys show that the average home consumer brews her coffee too much—at the rate of 63.9 cups per pound."

That, he added, meant that twelve beans were missing from the average cup of coffee. Reflecting the 85,000,000,000 cups of coffee brewed a year the missing beans would add up to $300,000,000 in additional sales for the producing countries and about $500,000,000 in additional sales at the retail level in this country.

Barbara Bell Patterns



There's lot of young charm in this adorable dirndl dress that has contrasting sleeves and rows of bold ric rac trim.

No. 8219 with Patt-O-Rama is in sizes 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18. Size 11, 31½ bust, 4⅝ yards of 35-inch; ¾ yard contrast.

Send thirty-five cents in coins for this pattern—add 5¢ for each pattern for first-class mailing. Send to Barbara Bell, East Bay Labor Journal, 367 W. Adams Street, Chicago 6, Ill. Print name, address with zone, style number and size.

Your system is the best!

The slavish following of a strict housekeeping routine is dangerous. So believes Mrs. Anne McKellar, Home Management instructor in the Department of Home Economics at Hunter College.

In addition to teaching home management in classrooms, Mrs. McKellar puts her theories into practical operation seven days a week in her own home as a wife and a mother of a 7-year-old boy.

Inflexible routines are dangerous, she says, because of the strain they impose on the family, Mrs. McKellar believes that the young family today, with father sharing the housekeeping chores with mother, cannot possibly be governed by a set of rules such as those used by housekeepers a generation ago.

"The system that works for you personally, regardless of how haphazard it may seem to an observer, is the best one," she holds.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

DOCTORS ARE LOOKING for a new name for an old disease. The disease is now called "accident," but according to Dr. B. O. Cobb of Martinez it gives a wrong impression.

"It gives the idea that the injury was inevitable," he says, "what we call 'an act of God".

Most accidents, the doctors say, are really "acts of men" and could be prevented.

It is the pediatricians who are really up in arms about this "disease", for it struck some 600,000 of their young patients in California alone last year.

In New York, children's doctors are opening a real campaign and distributing literature on the subject, asking cooperation from local health boards.

Accidents are the leading cause of death among children under 14. Did you know that? Automobile accidents, falls, burns and poisoning are the most common causes.

Parents who get into a panic about polio, who will call the doctor frantically if the child has a degree of temperature, will calmly let the little ones venture out into traffic, will trustfully keep ant poison or aspirin where children can get at them, and tell you that it is bad for the child's "psyche" to be "over-anxious," they must be relaxed."

It is not being over-anxious to keep an eye on your toddler every minute that he is out on a sidewalk or in a driveway, or when he is near any kind of water from a lily pool to a lake.

It is not being over-anxious to realize that even quite young children can climb and get to quite high shelves. It is only common sense to realize that the kitchens, with sharp knives and boiling kettles on the stove, are hazardous places for children.

It is true that "accidents" will happen even when parents are most vigilant. The doctors know that. But they also know that **most** accidents could be prevented and they hope to convince an increasing number of parents of the truth of this statement.

15% have wall to wall

Findings in a survey of 2709 housewives indicated that, while only 64 percent of American homemakers had draperies in their living rooms, 81 percent had rugs or carpets. Fifteen percent have wall-to-wall carpeting, 57 percent have room-size rugs and 61 percent have scatter or area rugs. In the bedroom, the scatter rug predominates.

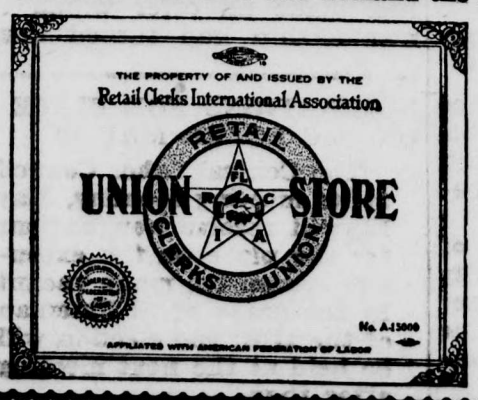
Bedspreads are used by 90 percent of the families queried and blankets by 94 percent. About 10 percent owned electric blankets, endorsing them for their light, even warmth and the fact that less bedding was needed when these were used. Some of those who did not own electric blankets objected to them because "they were afraid of electricity or the possibilities of fire."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

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Vote for school tax June 3, urges women voter group

The League of Women Voters advocates a high standard of educational opportunity in Oakland and is actively supporting Proposition C, the permissive tax increase for schools on the June 3rd ballot, for these announced reasons:

With an increase in enrollment of 2050 pupils for next year and an average yearly increase of 1500 through 1967, as estimated by the school administration and the City Planning Commission, the school budget for next year is less by more than 2½ million dollars than the needs for next year.

The Oakland Board of Education has already cut the budget to $946,259.00 **less** than the budget for last year, and is still considering other cuts which must be made to bring it into line with estimated revenue despite sharply rising enrollments and the opening of four new schools to be constructed under the 40 million dollar building program.

Bond monies, as expended under the building program, cannot, by law, be used for current operating expenses—that is, the additional supplies, equipment and personnel that are needed to handle these new schools and increased enrollment.

The difference between estimated revenue for next year of $22,920,000 and recommended expenditures of $25,441,700 as outlined in the report of the management consultant firm of Booz, Allen and Hamilton for this same period means the difference between adequate educational opportunities in the community and a watered-down program of overcrowded classrooms, fewer teachers and other personnel, less equipment and supplies, and only emergency maintenance which the League believes must be kept on a current basis if the school system is to be operated economically.

With an estimated total of $2,282,000 in additional funds needed within the next five years for maintenance of new schools under construction, and repair and maintenance of older building, untold amounts could be saved by placing it on a current basis in the face of rising costs.

'Suitable work' jobless must take

The Department of Employment is often asked to define "suitable work".

One of the conditions of eligibility for unemployment insurance is willingness to accept "suitable work" within the meaning of the California Unemployment Insurance Code. Briefly, this means work in the claimant's usual occupation or work for which he is reasonably qualified by prior training and/or experience.

Perhaps another way to answer this question is to indicate what the law holds NOT to be "suitable work". Work is not considered suitable if the job offered is vacant due directly to strike, lockout, or other trade dispute.

Where the wages, hours or other conditions of the work offered are substantially less favorable to the individual than those prevailing for similar work in the locality, the law states that such work offered is not suitable.

The law also states that work offered is not suitable where an individual, as a condition of being employed, would be required to join a company union or to resign from or refrain from joining any bona fide labor organization.

Bay Area Crusade gives accounting

The United Bay Area Crusade this year is spending half its $10-million-plus budget for recreation programs for boys and girls and for family and child care services, according to a mid-year report to contributors.

The report gives an accounting of the Crusade's current $10,490,295 expenditures ($10,330,000 from the 1957 campaign, and $160,295 from past reserves), in San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Contra Costa and Marin.

The other half of the Bay Area budget is going for Red Cross, US, local health services, local units of national health organizations, and for Crusade campaign and administration.

Ask to see the union shop card before you buy anything!

President-elect of UC down on RW

Clark Kerr, newly named president of the University of California, has come out again in opposition to "right to work" proposals.

Kerr told Harry Bernstein, labor editor of the Los Angeles Examiner, he was opposed to what he termed "compulsory open shop legislation."

Kerr said the union shop tends to make unions more stable and thus contributes to improved labor-management relations.

Now chancellor at UC, Kerr will assume the presidency July 1.

The noted educator and labor authority also said he favored "open unions" to insure all workers the right to join without discrimination. — **State Federation Newsletter.**

AUTOMATIC INCREASES in wages ranging from 15 to 25 cents an hour went into effect May 1 for cement masons, operating engineers, construction teamsters and laborers in 46 northern counties and for carpenters in 42 counties, under the terms of previously negotiated long-term contracts.

James H. Quinn names bi-partisan chairmen in his reelection campaign

Bi-partisan campaign chairmen in Alameda and Contra Costa County were named for the reelection of James H. Quinn, State Board of Equalization.

Paul St. Sure, Oakland attorney, and general chairman heads the Alameda County committee. Others serving with him on the executive committee are: William Ebli, Hugh S. Rutledge and William C. Seifert.

The Contra Costa committee is headed by George R. Gordon. Serving with him as vice-chairmen are Albert B. Carr and James Moriarty.

FE cases

The San Francisco Commission for Equal Employment Opportunity recently announced that it had handled some 18 cases of discrimination since it was created last fall.

WILMA HACKETT, Democratic candidate for State Assemblyman from the 16th District, endorsed by labor's COPE, has opened her headquarters at 5513 College Avenue.

RW backs private deals, hits pacts

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for lack of jurisdiction if we would stipulate that our contract was illegal and of no face value under Nevada's 'right to work' law."

This the union refused to do.

Judge Rice's finding was that the agreement between the employer and the journeyman that the journeymen should do certain work for nothing was lawful under the Nevada "right to work" act.

In other words, as union people interpret this decision, in Nevada under the "right to work" law, any private deal made between an employer and a workman, even if it's merely verbal, has full force of law; but a negotiated agreement between the employer and a union, a public agreement on file for anyone to see who is interested, isn't worth the paper it's printed on.

Business Representative Stanley P. Jones of Local 26 says that if more information is desired on this case, write to him at 290 North Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada; or to the law firm of Mathew O. Tobriner, Russ building, San Francisco 4.

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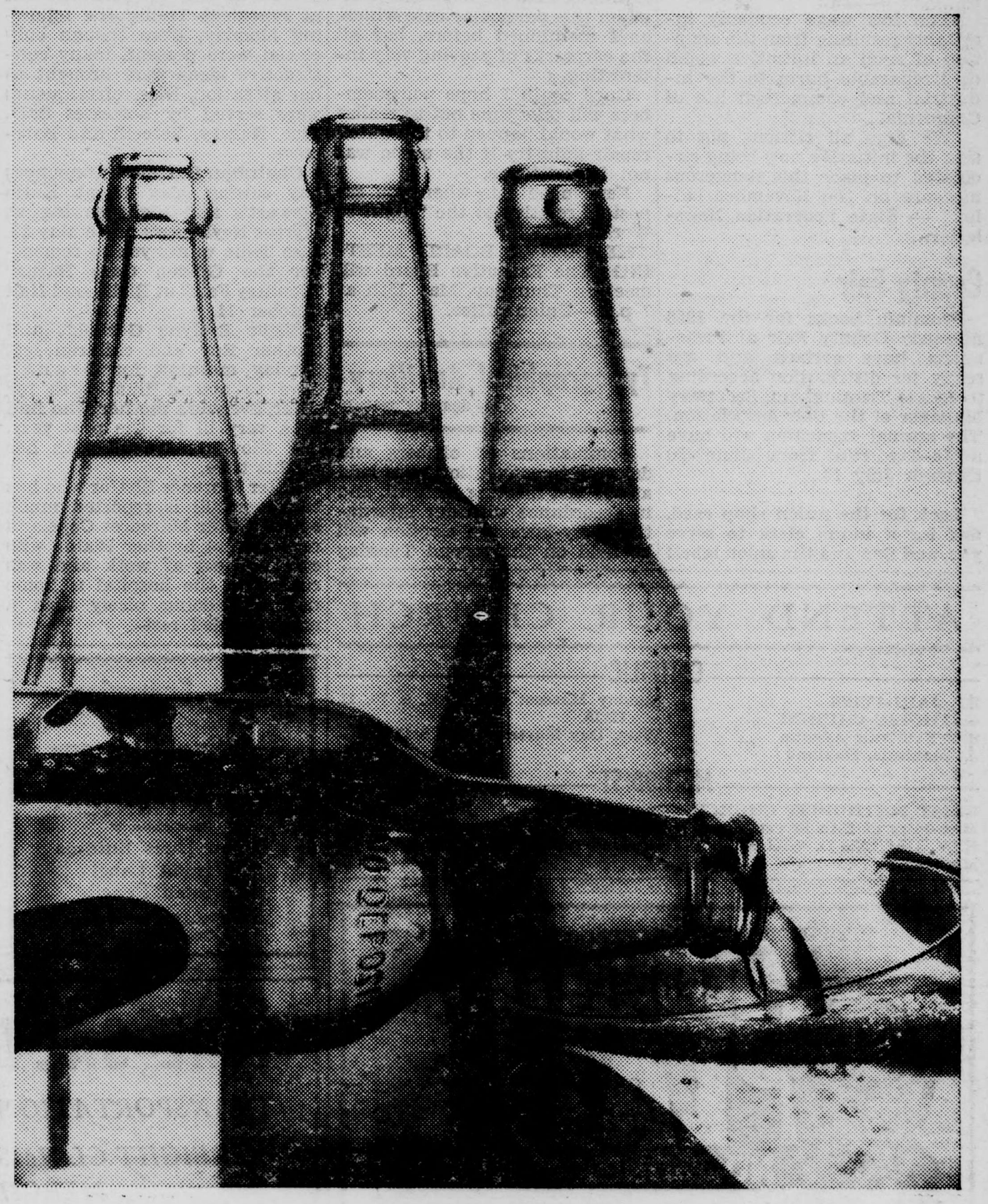
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Catholic unionist group denounces 'right to work'

The Association of Catholic Trade Unionists of San Francisco has gone on record condemning the "right to work" initiative now being circulated in California.

In a press release, John McCarthy, ACTU president, said the organization had taken its stand at a public meeting held in St. Mary's Cathedral Hall.

The statement follows in full:

"The Association of Catholic Trade Unionists condemns the proposed "right to work" initiative now being circulated throughout California as destructive of harmonious relations between labor and management.

"The measure serves as an example of class legislation since its ultimate effect will be to reduce the bargaining position of labor unions and impose the compulsory open shop on the wage earners of California.

"Labor and management should have the freedom to choose the union shop. This initiative would eliminate all freedom of choice in the matter and make the open shop compulsory by force or law.

"The low wage economy inevitably resulting from the adoption of such an initiative would do irreparable harm to the industrial and commercial life of California.

"We urge all citizens not to sign the initiative now being circulated to place this dangerous measure on the November ballot." — **State Federation Newsletter.**

County Fair

Premium books for the 1958 Alameda County Fair at Pleasanton have arrived and are ready for distribution according to James Trimingham, Secretary Manager of the Fair Association. The annual exposition will have a 14-day run from June 30 through July 13.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

About all I can report this week is to repeat that there is plenty of activity in the industry for this office. Aside from the various establishments that I have mentioned in previous columns that I am contacting relative to either union agreements or elimination of price advertising, there is one in particular that I would like to mention.

This situation came up last week and has all the earmarks of becoming a lulu. I refer to Dahnken, wholesale distributors who have establishments in San Francisco, Oakland, San Carlos and San Jose.

We visited each place, after complaints that watch repair price advertising leaflets had been reported in great numbers in both San Jose and Oakland. What makes this case a very unusual one, is the fact that the watchmaker who is doing the work is a member of this organization, namely, Robert Curl, who formerly was employed in the San Jose area, as well as having had his own watch repair business in this same area.

We are at the present time in the process of discussing this situation with the attorney for Dahnken and will keep you posted on this particular case which, as I mentioned before, has all the earmarks of proving very interesting.

Once again I hope you members will take time out to realize what would happen to the watch repair industry if the union was not in existence.

Remember this when you see posters relative to the "Right to Work" law.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, May 15th at 7 p.m.—Union office.

Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

Nominations of officers and delegate to convention were held at our last meeting in April, and in accordance with our international by-laws the election will be held on the second Tuesday of May, which is the 13th, at the home of Mary Farley, 749 Contra Costa Avenue, Berkeley. Sandwiches brought by ourselves will be the entree of the day.

A most colorful scene greeted us at the home of our charming hostess, Lucy Cushing. Easter chocolate eggs in colorful wrappers were hanging in profusion from the "Easter Tree", surrounded by a chorus of ladies and gentlemen, reminiscent of colonial days and of the flapper era. So real and lovely did they look that one could hardly believe they were "hen fruit."

Credit for those lovely creations goes to artists May Marquand and Ermine Sullivan, whose heretofore unknown talent will be put to much use, never fear, girls.

Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

First May meeting called to order by President Wharry. Attendance was very good. Considerable business was attended to though not without considerable argument. Our next meeting will be our forty-first birthday party which every one who can should attend.

Our whist party which was held at President Trellis' home was well attended and voted a success by all. The officers met at President Trellis' the following Monday. Even though only eleven were present, many constructive ideas were brought to our attention. Nice refreshments were served by hostesses Salo, Vice, Harvey, Vercelli and Bartmess.

Chairman Bartmess announces day sewing May 13 at Katie Stewart's and night sewing at Myrtus Neyhouse's home May 22. Also Tillie wants you to remember the Golden Gate Bazaar "Country Fair" at Richmond Hall October 11.

Sister Evelyne Gerholdt and brother Roy and children left Sunday morning for Orange Cove to attend final rites for sister Evelyne's mother who had been very ill for the past year. Our thoughts are all with her at this time.

Sister Florence Shafer who has been very ill is reported much better. Sister Margaret Copeland reports that brother Blaine who collapsed at work and was rushed to the hospital is home now and doing nicely with a much needed rest.

Our Matilda took herself off to Reno for a hoopla good time which she reported she had. Brother Frank and sister Katie Stewart are planning on spending their vacation with brother Frank's father, who is eighty-seven years old, in Redlands. They are also very proud of the fact that Frank's brother Bud presented a check in the amount of $501.37 to Louise Hinshaw for Crippled Children's Society representing proceeds from recent "Good Skate Day" sponsored by Bud and his wife owners and operators of Skate Land Recreational Center in Redlands. At a state chapter meeting of roller skating operators in Fresno it was reported that the Redland rink topped all others in California. The Stewarts are working for a similar event to be held state-wide annually. State proceeds totaled $1800 of which Redlands accounted for $501.35 and Mrs. Hinshaw, director of the society, said it was one of the best organized fund raising events we have ever had.

We were surprised and pleased to have sister Nellie Blanford broken arm and all at our meeting. She and brother Sam have moved to San Francisco to take up a new project there in which we wish them all the success.

There will be a get-together for the auxiliary at President Trellis Wharry's home on June 7.

Carpenters Auxiliary

By WAVA M. BARBER

May 9 — Social — Home of Nathalie Stenling, 8 p.m., 1634 84th Avenue, Oakland. Hostesses are Mary Nall and Tress Flanigan who are planning especially for your attendance.

May 17 — Birthday Dinner at Embers, 15693 Hesperian Blvd., San Lorenzo, 7 p.m. Call KEllog 3-7893, Agnes Anderson, Chairman asks reservations be made soon.

May 20 — President Elanore Clapp is entertaining the sewing club, 2416 Potter Street, Oakland, 8 p.m.

May 23 — Recording Secretary has mailed our Auxilary cards announcing the business meeting. Julia Sjoberg states it will be held at 8 p.m. in the hall.

Booklet on changing character of industry

WASHINGTON — A 90-page pamphlet, The Changing Character of American Industry, containing papers delivered at a conference on the subject sponsored by the AFLCIO is currently available from the AFLCIO Department of Publications at 75 cents a copy.

In a forward to the publication, AFLCIO Secretary-Treasrer William F. Schnitzler termed the conference a success, adding, "We hope that the publication of this volume will stimulate even further discussion."—**AFL-CIO News.**

'Pin Rail'

By WILLIAM PELKEY

The members may think it strange, resuming the "Pin Rail" after so many months, but our BA, John Craig is of the opinion our local should be represented in East Bay Labor Journal in the form of this column, and I agree.

The column will be in the Journal once a month, with we hope choice bits of gossip about our members, such as which stagehand we all know should call a plumber even when trying to impress his girl friend, or never hit a commode with a hammer!

John Craig will be your Pin Rail reporter in the future. I am doing this one to get him started. If you have any thing to impart to the reporter I'm sure he will appreciate it very much. I'm sure John being the BA will have his finger on the pulse of the local, which will enable him to keep the members well informed, as to meetings, current events, and a little informal harmless gossip.

Holmdahl campaign chairmen listed

John W. Holmdahl, Oakland City Councilman and endorsed Democratic candidate for the State Senate from Alameda Connty, has announced appointment of campaign chairmen in the 16th and 18th Assembly Districts.

Gordon Melgard of Berkeley, immediate past president of the 18th A. D. Democratic Precinct Organization, is heading the Holmdahl campaign committee in the 18th Assembly District.

Nancy Witt and Warren Dempster of Oakland are co-chairmen of the Holmdahl campaign in the 16th Assembly District.

'Stand firm for postal pay boost'

The AFLCIO Executive Council says that while the proposed increase of pay for postal employees is "not as much as deserved or had been hoped for," nevertheless it is to be hoped that the conferees for House and Senate will "stand firm on the present pay agreement and continue to work for final enactment into law."

SAILORS UNION of the Pacific has voted to cut from 360 days to 210 days the period a man can stay aboard a ship before giving up the job to another worker.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meeting will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

All members are urged to attend a special credit union meeting to be held at Carpenters Hall, Tuesday at 8 p.m., May 27, 1958.

Starting in the month of June a special feature will be held to try to stimulate better attendance at our union meetings.

Stewards meetings will be held Thursday at 8 p.m., May 15, 1958. Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., May 28, 1958.

Of special interest to all members is the right-to-work meeting to be held at the Oakland Auditorium, Monday at 8 p.m., May 19, 1958. This is being sponsored by the Building Trades and Central Labor Councils of Alameda County.

You are asked to attend and bring your family and friends.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings each Friday at Labor Temple, 1541 Mattox Road, Hayward, at 8 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Stewards meeting May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The meeting of May 22, at 8 p.m. is a special called meeting. There will be a very interesting motion picture shown on the much talked about labor wrecking "right to work" bill, we will also have a very good speaker to talk on the labor view of the bill.

All members are requested to come and to bring their wives to this very important meeting on the "right to work" bill. There will also be refreshments served for all. I hope to see each and every member and the wives at this special meeting May 22. A card will also be sent out to all the members to remind you of the date and time.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Death Assessments No. 427, 428 and 429 are now due and payable. Brother James Robert Mullane, No. 8918, a member of Local No. 104, San Francisco, passed away March 11, 1958; Brother James A. Porter, No. 97774, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles, passed away on March 9, 1958 and Local No. 216's Brother William F. Jackson, No. 149948, passed away on March 6, 1958.

Blood donors are needed for Mrs. Ilene Vasconselles, wife of Frank Vasconselles, who has had a serious operation. If you are able to give blood, please contact the Blood Bank of Alameda - Contra Costa Medical Association at 6230 Claremont Ave., Oakland; Phone OLympic 4-2924. Mrs. Vasconselles was in Highland Hospital. Her name and hospital will be needed when you call at the Blood Bank.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Our next membership meeting to be held on May 15, 1958 will be a special called meeting for the purpose of hearing the reports of your delegates to the California Pipe Trades convention.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.

MILLMEN 550

Attention of the members is called to the fact that Blood Bank Assessment No. 5 is now due.

Fraternally,
E. H. OVENBERG,
Financial Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, May 16 is the date for our next regular meeting. You never know what subject may come up on the floor that should be settled by a larger attendance than we usually have, but which doesn't call, for a special meeting. Again we urge you to show up, and take part in the meetings. Your attendance is needed.

The discussion of such a question came up on the floor at the last meeting. You will receive evidence of the settlement of this subject, through the Post Office as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Kansas Federation tells how to mark a ballot

The Kansas State Federation of Labor has distributed to all of its affiliated bodies an outline of the proper manner in which to mark a ballot. It is expected that local unions and COPE committees will see that the information is passed along to all their members. The outline furnishes examples of how marks can void either an entire ballot or portions of a ballot.—**AFLCIO—COPE.**

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Demos' candidate for Lt. Governor attacks Knowland

Keynoting a convention of machinists, assembled at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco recently, Glenn M. Anderson, endorsed Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, charged the Republican administration and California's Republican state-wide candidates with threatening jobs and job security, discouraging new industry, and breeding class warfare between labor and management.

"How can "right-to-work" legislation be justified," Anderson asked in a challenge to the labor leaders attending the San Francisco conference "at the same time that we face a serious crisis in unemployment?"

"Knowland's attempt to smash labor unions is the height of stupidity and the height of recklessness. He will not only wreck unions; he will set group against group; he will discourage new industry from coming to labor-strife-torn California; He will not serve to answer the serious economic problems of our growing recession unemployment.

"No matter how hard other Republican spokesman try to duck this issue, their support, public or otherwise, places them squarely in opposition to organized labor and to the best interests of all the people of California.

"The entire Democratic slate: Pat Brown for Governor, Clair Engle for U. S. Senate, Alan Cranston for Controller, Stanley Mosk for Attorney General, Hank Lopez for Secretary of State and Bert Betts for Treasurer—all of us are pledged to labor justice, equal opportunity for all laboring men, and the economic recovery for California."

JOHN W. HOLMDAHL, attorney, City Councilman of Oakland and officially endorsed by the Democratic Council for the office of State Senator from Alameda County, has named Mrs. Eulalia Anderson of Castro Valley and Mrs. George Hageman of San Leandro as co-chairmen of his campaign in the 13th Assembly District.

CARNIVAL SPIRIT and politics will be combined in an "Alameda County Democratic Fair" at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds Saturday, May 10, to raise money for Democratic candidates in the coming elections.

Distillery Union is back on track

WASHINGTON — Joseph O'Neill of Chicago and George J. Oneto of New York were elected president and secretary-treasurer of the Distillery Workers Union at a special three-day convention here.

The convention also voted to establish a department of organization, expand its research department, create an education department and establish official newspaper.

A group of delegates led by John E. McKiernan of Kentucky abstained from voting, objecting to voting procedures established by the convention including a secret ballot.

Peter M. McGavin, assistant to AFLCIO President George Meany and monitor of the union, served as convention chairman. McGavin told the delegates "if ever there was a time when you need a strong union it is now during this time of business depression. You cannot afford the luxury of disunity at this time when you should be laying the foundation for a program that will make your union stronger."

The convention voted to support the political action program of the AFLCIO, went on record as unalterably opposed to the enactment of any and all prohibition laws, asked for elimination of the evils of the Taft-Hartley Act and made recommendations to bolster the national economy.

Affirmed adherance to and adopted the codes of ethical practices of the AFLCIO, and passed a resolution acknowledging the contributions made on behalf of the union by McGavin. **—AFLCIO News.**

Mosk warns crime issue is big one

A warning that we are not adequately facing the growing problem of crime in California was sounded by Judge Stanley Mosk, endorsed Democratic candidate for Attorney General.

Judge Mosk referred to the FBI report released recently which placed crime in California at a new high last year and said "this report indicates again the need for public awareness of this problem. I heartily concur in Attorney General Pat Brown's request of the Governor to establish a State Crime Study Commission."

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Growth of Demos' strength is shown in registration

Democratic registration increases as high as 200 to 1 over Republican the voter registration drive just concluded shows, according to California Democratic leaders:

The statement commenting on the survey of registration figures just released by offices of the Registrars of Voters, cited figures from the nine most populous counties in California which have 70% of the registration and added that in rural counties the statistics are comparably encouraging.

Of the three counties reaching this all time high in registration Ventura reported a more than 200 to 1 increase since November 1956: 1,818 new Democrats to 18 new Republicans. San Bernardino shows an even greater increase of 1,710 Democrats to 1,992 Republican **loss.** The gain in Santa Barbara was 611 to 7. San Diego's gain January 1 is approximately 24,000 to 10,000; Riverside from 6,803 to 3,115. In Los Angeles it is 116,176 to 44,695.

In the North, Alameda shows a Democratic increase of 24,642 to 8,775 Republicans; San Francisco 19,136 to 4,058; gains in Sacramento are 11,383 to 3,968; San Joaquin 3,498 to 951; Contra Costa added 9,312 Democrats to 3,592 Republicans; Santa Clara 10,193 to 5,499; San Mateo 8,352 to 3,545; Fresno reports a gain of 47,666 to a Republican gain of 43,594.

"We are confident", concluded the Democratic leaders in their statement "that we will gain at least six Congressional seats this year and perhaps several more, no district, in fact, is beyond our reach, and no Republican office holder so firmly entrenched that he cannot be swept out of office by the rising Democratic tide."

Canvassers for 'right to work' pull doorbells

A labor man who lives in Alameda telephoned East Bay Labor Journal Tuesday that canvassers for the "right to work" petition were ringing doorbells on Alameda Avenue, where he lives, and urging householders to sign their petitions.

"They certainly must be getting desperate," he commented.

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Lapham, RW drive head, associated with '34 killings

Selection of Roger D. Lapham, Sr. to head the northern California "right to work" committee recalls San Francisco's bloody anti-union drives which swept the Pacific Coast maritime industry in the mid-1930's.

Announcement was made at a press conference called by Lapham in his San Francisco business offices.

In 1934 Lapham headed the American - Hawaiian Steamship Company and was a leader in the shipowners' fight against organized labor.

Lapham was a key figure in the 1934 strike which opened May 9, 1934, and reached a tragic culmination with the killing of two union men in San Francisco on Bloody Thursday, July 5, when the Waterfront Employers Association tried to open the port with scab labor, tear gas, and machine guns. Several workers were killed in other cost ports. San Francisco's General Strike immediately followed the killings of July 5.

The '34 strike lasted 11 weeks and ended with the union winning recognition and, ultimately, its present hiring system.

Lapham was also heavily involved in the three months' 1936-37 strike which found the shipowners out to destroy union hiring halls. — **State Federation Newsletter.**

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Quinn heads labor group backing reelection of Sweeney for Supervisor

Formation of a committee of labor leaders backing the reelection of Alameda County Supervisor Leland W. Sweeney in the 3rd District at the June 3 election has been announced.

John F. Quinn, vice president of the California State Culinary Workers' Alliance, is chairman.

Supervisor Sweeney has been endorsed by the Alameda County COPE, AFLCIO Council on Political Education.

Ed Park is State industrial chief

Governor Goodwin J. Knight has announced the appointment of Edward P. Park of Menlo Park, as director of the Department of Industrial Relations, succeeding Ernest B. Webb who recently was appointed to the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. The term is at the pleasure of the Governor and requires Senate confirmation.

Park has been chief of the Division of Labor Law Enforcement in the Department of Industrial Relations. He was appointed to the position March 13, 1953, by Governor Earl Warren and was reappointed by Governor Knight on July 23, 1954. Before entering state service, Park was business representative of Local Union No. 3, Operating Engineers, Sacramento.

The salary of the Director of Industrial Relations is $16,500.

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'Union Secretary' '58 prize contest

The "Miss Union Secretary of 1958" contest is now officially open!

Liberalized eligibility rules no longer limit the contest merely to secretaries—bookkeepers, office managers and records clerks are all equally eligible to compete.

First prize in this year's search for the outstanding office employee of a labor union is a check for $1,000, a Remington Quiet-riter Portable Typewriter and a week's all-expense-paid vacation in a city to be announced at a later date. Second prize will be $300 in U. S. Savings Bonds and a Remington Portable, and third prize calls for a $200 U. S. Bond and a Remington Portable. There will, in addition, be twenty honorable mention awards, each providing a $25 U. S. Bond.

Entrants will be judged on the basis of efficiency, personality, union interest and good citizenship. The "Miss Union Secretary of 1958" Contest is NOT a beauty contest.

Remington Rand, which is again sponsoring the contest, is the nation's foremost manufacturer of typewriters and other office equipment bearing the union labels of the International Association of Machinists and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

All females working in the offices of any labor organization can write for the brochure containing the rules and entry blank for the "Miss Union Secretary of 1958" Contest. Requests should be sent to Union Advertising Service, 302 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N. Y.

That one big job boosts building

The value of office building permits issue in the Bay Area during the first quarter of 1958 was four times the total for the corresponding quarter in 1957 while both industrial and store building permits values showed a decline, the San Francisco Bay Area Council announces.

Over $32,808,000 worth of office building permits were recorded during the quarter. This sum is more than 75% of the total dollar volume of office permits issued during the entire record year of 1957. Alameda County led the Bay Area in office building construction with the start of the Kaiser Center in Oakland. This 28 story building, with permits valued at $28,587,481, will be the largest office building in the West. San Francisco was second in the area, followed by Santa Clara.

Hardly news: Coast employment poor

Pacific Coast wage and salary employment, excluding domestic and agricultural workers, turned up from the normal February low and registered a gain of 14,400 to total 5,526,700 in March, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The seasonal upswing this year, however, lacked its customary strength and failed to keep the level from sinking further below that of March a year ago. March 1958 employment was 102,000 (or 1.8 percent) under that of March 1957.

Mrs. Treutlein is school candidate

Mrs. Charlotte Treutlein, candidate for the Alameda County School Board from the Peralta District, which includes Berkeley, Albany, and Piedmont, visited East Bay Labor Journal this week. Her children have been in the Berkeley schools during the past ten years. Her husband is a professor of history at San Francisco State College.

Mrs. Treutlein says that if elected she hopes to encourage the "procuring of qualified teachers, getting better working conditions for them, greater relief from unessential functions, and better salaries."

Battle begins on Knowland's bills to regulate labor

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abuses in the operations of internal union affairs."

McClellan testified that "we do have clear, positive evidence of certain practices that exist, and which no honorable American can condone."

Senator Ives, (R., N.Y.) contended that only relatively noncontroversial measures could be passed at this time. Ives insisted that a bill loaded with controversial items would have little or no chance for House action in the remaining months of the 1958 session, even if it cleared the Senate."

The House has shown little eagerness to get into the act so far.

But Knowland and McClellan repeated their insistence that measures involving controversy would have to be acted on by the Senate in this session.

The general assumption was that whether or not the House got around to the matter, the Senate hearings and subsequent debate will give Knowland an ideal opportunity to pose as the friend of "union democracy," and assist him in his campaign for the Governorship, which has run into heavy going because of his leadership in the effort to get the anti-labor "right to work" measure adopted in November.

Meanwhile the Senator's paper, the Oakland Tribune, opened up editorial drumfire, boasting of the Senator's part in forcing the hearings, and quoting as one of the main supporters of "union democracy" Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, the Dixiecrat candidate for President in 1948. The Tribune quoted this eminent anti-laborite as declaring that "one of the principal reforms we should try to effect is the return to our working men and women control over their own organization."

The San Francisco Chronicle, which hitherto had been slow to rush to Knowland's rescue in the battle for the Governorship, came out Tuesday with an editorial supporting his labor regulation proposals, contending that they are "thoroughly democratic in spirit."

This was considered another sign that the struggle over the Governorship is intensifying in the hearings in the Senate, as the Chronicle is famous for being liberal between elections, and then limping back to Republican ranks and battling for the GOP candidates as the shooting gets hot.

So the GOP fight for the Governorship of California is raging this week in the Senate, not in California, where some charming ladies are getting much publicity for their assertions that they love Husband, Father and Dad-in-Law.—**LB**

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Steadman thanks fellow unionists for campaign help

Ken Steadman, who was elected to the City Council of Fremont in the April municipal elections, expressed his gratitude to the fellow union members who helped elect him in the bulletin of Steelworkers 3367, as follows:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of those men and women who worked so hard for me in the recent election for city councilman of Fremont. There were a lot of those who were working that I didn't even know about, and from the look of the votes, a lot more than I figured. But I wish to express my gratitude to all of you for what you did.

But I also ask that you continue your support, because there will be a lot of times that I will need your support, now that I am on the city council. I can not mention all those who did so much for my election, but some of our members and their wives who went out and did a terrific job do deserve special thanks.

These include, Ray Bainter and wife, Butch Comfort and wife, Ral Rameriz, Ray Wilmoth, Leon Curtis, Roby Pierce and wife, Big Miss Pierce, Joe Brearte, Tom Grant and wife, Doug Cayard, Joe McKea and wife, Ray Rice and wife, Francis Littlepage and wife, Virgil Olsen and wife, Bill Ramsey, Gill Goss, John Amos, and a host of others.

I just can't remember them all. But we should all be very proud. I know I am, because for one thing, it showed the people of Fremont, that the United Steelworkers of America are here to be reckoned with, it raised our union's esteem very high, and it proved to me, and a lot of other people, that the job could be done, if we got in and pitched.

You can't beat the old grass roots. Getting the facts out talking to people, and just going to work and doing the job. I can't thank you all enough. You showed your confidence in me, and I just hope I can justify the faith you have placed in me.

SOCIALIST PARTY was this week denied by U. S. Supreme Court place on the California ballot.

Ike's jobless law not enough: Meany

"We're certainly not happy with that measure," AFLCIO President George Meany told reporters after the House adopted a bill extending unemployment benefits. "We're going to try to improve it in the Senate."

The bill adopted by the House is a slightly modified version of President Eisenhower's proposal. It extends the duration of unemployment compensation by 50%, to be financed by Federal loans to States that request them, and to be repaid by the States.

It is limited to unemployed workers whose normal jobs come within their State's unemployment compensation system and who have exhausted their regular benefits at any time back to last July. The program would expire in April, 1959.

Democratic leaders fought hard for their plan, which would have extended State-administered benefits by a flat 16 weeks, with the Federal Government footing the entire bill. The Democratic plan would also have provided benefits for jobless workers not covered by the insurance program.

It was a Southern Democrat, however, Representative A. S. Herlong Jr. of Florida, who led a coalition of Republicans and conservative Southern Democrats to defeat the broader plan of the Democratic leadership.

Sixty Democrats joined 163 Republicans to outvote 148 Democrats and 17 Republicans on the crucial test to substitute the Administration for the Democratic proposal.

UC conference on labor, arbitration

Arthur M. Ross, director of the UC Institute of Industrial Relations, Berkeley campus, announces that the Institute's annual conference on labor relations and arbitration will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

MORE BREWERIES were being closed this week as the strike of the Teamsters spread in California. Some plants are closed under employers' lockout orders.

BTC endorses school tax rise

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work" petitions which seemed, to say the least, a breach of etiquette.

Laborers 304 has had a production plant contract with the company for some years.

NEW SHOP DEADLINE

State BTC President Bryan P. Deavers notified the council that the deadline set by the NLRB for change in union security provisions in contracts between building trades unions and employers has been extended from the original date of June 1 to September 1.

PREVAILING WAGE LAW

Deavers also notified the council that the billion dollar Community Facilities bill is now on the floor of the Senate, and that President Richard Gray of the AFLCIO Building Trades Department is fearful that if the bill is passed by Senate and House it will be vetoed by President Eisenhower as he vetoed the Rivers and Harbors bill.

The Community Facilities bill as it now stands includes the Case amendment of which Senator Kuchel of California was a co-author. This amendment includes the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage clause which labor advocated.

TILE LAYERS PACT

The new contract of Tile Layers Local 19 having been examined and approved by the Law and Legislative Committee, following the new procedure, was approved by the council.

The contract, effective April 1, provides for a 22½-cent increase, bringing the hourly wage to $3.50, with a 25-cent increase April 1, 1959, bringing the hourly wage then to $3.75.

Effective immediately is a 5-cent rise in vacation pay, bringing it to 14 cents an hour, and a 2½-cent rise in health and welfare, bringing it to 10 cents.

Effective April 1, 1959, will be 10 cents hourly for a pension fund.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

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Knowland's wages, employment record

The voting record of Senator Knowland, GOP candidate for Governor, and leading supporter of "right to work," shows that he voted:

AGAINST increasing minimum wage to 60 cents per hour.

FOR excluding 750,000 people from Social Security coverage.

FOR removing 200,000 retail employees of certain establishments from minimum wage protection.

FOR cutting funds to administer Social Security.

FOR cutting federal employees sick leave.

AGAINST funds for state vocational training.

AGAINST pay increases for postal workers.

AGAINST establishing minimum national standards as to amount and duration of unemployment insurance.

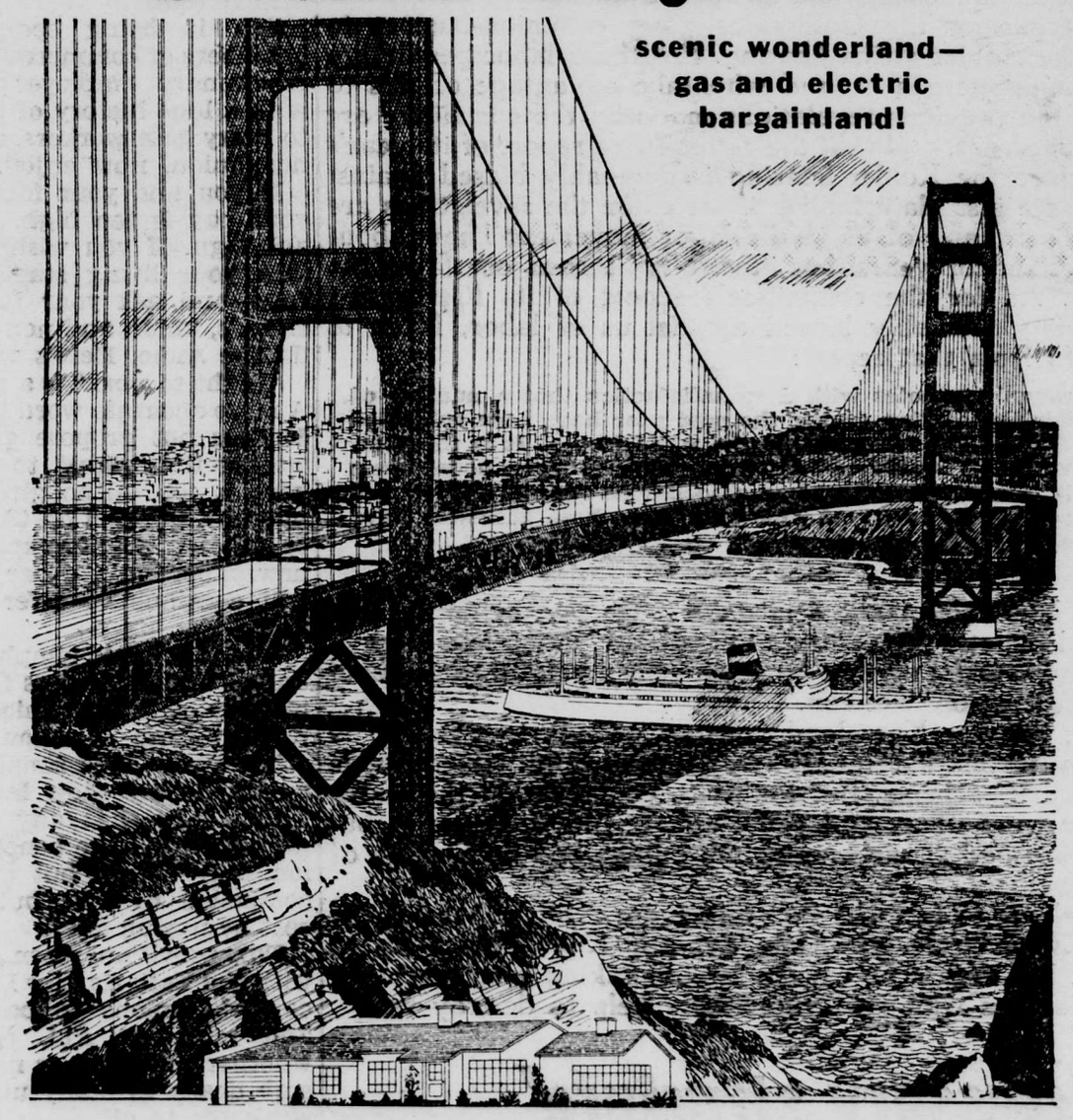
AGAINST helping areas suffering from chronic or serious unemployment.—**Brown for Governor Campaign Committee.**

Golden Gate Bridge



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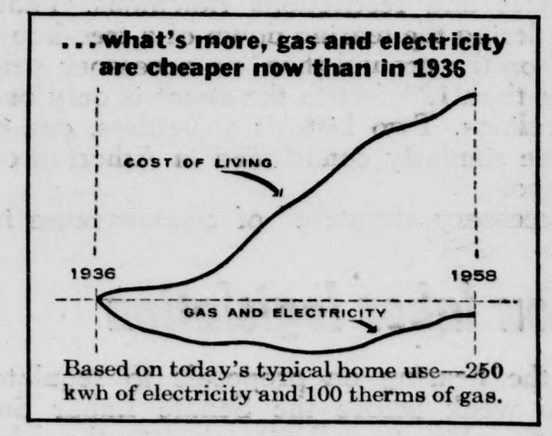
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Don't just yell 'Lies!' at McClellan & Knowland

Some labor criticism of the McClellan Senate Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor-Management Field has been going pretty far lately. So far that there is danger of the public getting the impression that labor is trying to squirm out of some of the ugly realities which the committee did so much to reveal. So far, too, within our own ranks that we're in danger of selling ourselves the idea that Jimmy Hoffa and his ilk are pretty good fellows, after all.

The April 26 issue of the AFLCIO News runs a big headline, "Trustee of Teamsters Union Invokes 'Fifth' on Finances," and starts off the story under that headline as follows:

"Raymond Cohen, business manager of Teamsters Local 107, Philadelphia, and a trustee of the international chosen at the union's 1957 convention with support of President James R. Hoffa, invoked the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer McClellan Committee questions involving financial and other affairs of his local."

Reading the full details of this very recent committee hearing doesn't give one a very comfortable feeling about the kind of man Jimmy Hoffa chooses to be a trustee of the millions he is handling under the let us hope watchful eyes of those monitors the court appointed to keep an eye on Jimmy and his pals. The Senate Committee does a service to labor in pursuing this investigation of the Philadelphian.

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The McClellan Committee did grave damage to its reputation by permitting the Goldwater gang of union-busters to dominate the Kohler strike hearing. But those labor people are treading on dangerous ground who take advantage of this to imply that the previous revelations made by the committee are a mere pack of lies, and that the committee's report of its year's activity before the Kohler hearing is damnably biased against labor. We are just plain foolish if we claim the revelations are a pack of lies; many of us in the labor movement knew about these goings on for years, but "tactfully" turned our faces the other way. As for the committee's report of its first year's activity being damnably biased against us of labor, listen to these words from that report:

"The committee notes with deep satisfaction that a number of unions under its scrutiny during the past year have been subjected to severe disciplinary measures by the AFLCIO . . . It is the committee's firm belief equally effective measures to clean house must be taken by management and bar associations against representatives from these segments of American life whose activities have been, to say the least, questionable."

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We of labor also make a mistake if we say, or imply, that every word Senator Knowland utters about "union democracy" is a mistaken word, and that he never tells a painful truth about the way some unions are run.

Fact is, Senator Knowland is smart enough to wrap up in some plain truths his totally reactionary and unacceptable "right to work" scheme. But for us to contend that the truths he uses for camouflage and cover-up are lies is for us to put ourselves in a bad situation with the public, and with many of our own members.

It is realistic to face the fact that there are members of the McClellan Committee who, like Senator Knowland, wish to destroy us, but that is no excuse for our taking preposterously extreme positions which will inevitably help to destroy us.

An 'accessory structure'

Labor people, and especially our building tradesmen, have a natural interest in good building codes and restrictions on jerry-building.

But the swank municipality of Atherton seems bent on making codes and restrictions ridiculous. That town's latest stunt of ordering the tearing down of a tree-house in some kids' front yard on the ground that "no accessory structures" can be built closer than 120 feet to the street is only one of a series of fantastic rulings. Two historic structures, one of them an old adobe, were similarly condemned in Atherton on technicalities not long ago.

An "accessory structure" of commonsense is needed.

Labor on labor legislation

Since the hearing on proposals to regulate labor unions began this week before the Senate Labor Subcommittee, it seems worth while to call attention to the AFLCIO General Board's announcement that labor "will cooperate with the Congress in the enactment of constructive maturely considered legislation" directed toward the correction of "specific abuses which cannot be dealt with without Governmental help."

This Will Do the Trick!



AN INVITATION TO CUT YOUR VERY OWN THROAT

Almost any day, now, you may receive an invitation to cut your own throat!

The invitation will be in the form of a request that you sign a petition asking that a referendum be held on an amendment to your state constitution which would incorporate in it a so-called "right to work." The campaign is being sponsored by chambers of commerce and other reactionary employer groups with a long history of opposition to every gain workers, union and non-union, now enjoy.

If you and your family think your pay is too high, go ahead and sign. If you wish to maintain your living standards, refuse—and ask your family and friends, union and non-union, to do the same. Here's why:

"Right to work" is a misnomer. A more accurate word is "fraud." It does not propose giving any worker the "right" to obtain or keep a job. Although the term may not be used on the petition or ballot, it may be expected that newspapers and other mediums will continue to refer to it as such.

The law would simply prohibit unions and employers from signing any contracts which provide for any form of union shop. In other words, it is simply a compulsory open shop law—a law which says that any employee may enjoy all the benefits a union may obtain but cannot be compelled to contribute to the cost by paying dues.

This provision, when combined with the Taft-Hartley Law which compels unions to bargain for and represent ALL employees, whether members or not, means sure death to many unions and weakness to all.

Can unions survive if the cost of negotiations, arbitration, processing grievances, keeping records, administering pension and welfare plans, etc., is to be borne only by those choosing to do so—and the benefits to them exactly the same as to those who decline? When their take-home pay is less than the free riders? As members drop out the burden gets heavier until even the most ardent unionists can't carry it.

And that is the essence of the whole damnable scheme—eventual destruction of all unions and the lowering of wages, union and non-union. IT WILL NOT PUNISH THE HOFFAS AND THE BECKS—ONLY YOU! The law does not attempt to regulate unions. There won't be any to regulate. If you doubt that it will lower wages, you have only to look at official U. S. Labor Department tables of average wage rates in the several states.

Advocates of the law are the same class which fought minimum wage legislation, social security, unemployment compensation, workmen's disability compensation, shorter workweeks, vacations, pensions, welfare—and overnight they have become champions of the downtrodden workers. The leopard has changed its spots.

DON'T HELP THEM cut your throat! Refuse to sign and if the proposal gets on the ballot, vote against it in November.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

—From the Cincinnati Typographical Union Bulletin.

Ike explains

At a recent press conference, President Eisenhower was asked whether he favors a tax cut. This was his reply:

"It could be, it could be. Yes. Well, I'd say this: if things got to the point where you felt that it was necessary, it would be one thing, it would have a very real, great stimulus on the economy, no question about that; but on the other hand, this is something you can take hold of and going too far with trying to fool with our economy, then you get something else started, and you just remember, all of you here, a year ago, we were always talking about inflation and the things we were trying to study."

All clear now?—**Oregon Labor Press.**

Labor's codes

The recent codes of Ethical Practices issued by the AFLCIO might well set an example for management to follow. There are six codes now in existence for all unions to regulate: (1) Local Union Charters; (2) Health and Welfare Funds; (3) Racketeers, Crooks, Communists and Fascists; (4) Investments and Business Interests of Union Officials; (5) Financial Practices and Proprietary Activities of Unions; and (6) Union Democratic Processes.

These codes while not perfect do face reality and show a willingness to make needed changes in the union institution. The large body of the labor movement can take credit for being willing to change many of its old customs and practices that no longer can be tolerated, no matter how necessary they may have been twenty or thirty years ago. I believe it would be difficult to find a comparable example of self examination and regulation in all the annals of American Management.—**By Rev. B. L. Masse, S. J. (Reprinted from Wage Earner)**

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

C. M. ROGERS, 970 Ramona Way, San Leandro, sends in several pages of suggestions for economy and efficiency in the operation of the Oakland school system from which the following extracts are made:

Counselling—Classroom teachers can just as efficiently do this, saving much money. Now there is much jealously and unpleasant feeling among Oakland teachers over counselling.

Athletics—Some large cities have entirely eliminated athletics. European schools have no athletics and are much more efficient. Bay Area schools with athletics and with Friday games reduce school efficiency from 10 to 25%. School rallies and the shortening of periods for games greatly excite pupils and take their minds off the main show—academic accomplishment.

Supervisors—We have worked in some very efficiently conducted schools that had no supervisors. Many fine teachers will not teach in school systems that have supervisors. Before a teacher can get in the Oakland schools he or she must be an outstanding expert in instruction as Oakland has its pick of teachers in Northern California and most of the rest of the nation. We have worked in large school systems that had supervisors and those that had none. My work was just as efficient and even more so in those without supervisors because I was more relaxed, with no worry about supervisors. Oakland's principals are plenty able to spot a weak teacher if there happens to be one, and a principal is able to offer suggestions for improvement.

Supplies—There is a great waste of time and money about supplies. Instead of Oakland's time-wasting method, make a chart showing how many dollars worth of supplies a teacher with so many pupils in each subject is entitled to; then he can take his car and get them before school begins.

Lack of study—An Oakland teacher told the writer that he said to his son, "Now that you are in high school, it is time that you do some home work." The boy replied, "Why waste the time studying, as we all pass anyway." Another Oakland teacher told me that it took about all she made to keep her son and daughter in private school, but she thought it was worth it.

Discipline—Some Oakland study halls are or have been as noisy as a boiler factory—whistling and stamping feet, too noisy for study. One Oakland teacher wrote his superintendent that he had charge of a study hall of over 80 pupils and not over 10% made any pretext of studying, with final examinations only two weeks off. Our schools are now as a city would be if lawbreakers were merely asked to do better.

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FEELS NO PAIN

PHILADELPHIA — Current talk of a recession is "highly exaggerated," Philip M. Talbott, head of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, told a business group here. All we're undergoing, he insisted, is "a shift in the current of the national economy."

He added: "Unemployment is not having nearly the disastrous effects that some people think."

—**Oregon Labor Press.**

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DONT BOTHER!

A San Francisco saleswoman spent a good part of last year working in Phoenix, Arizona, under the state's compulsory open shop (right to work) law. Her report sums it up:

Long hours, low pay, no working conditions. Plus:

"If you take a coffee break, don't bother to come back."—**San Francisco Labor.**